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AN ACT

To provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lumbee Recognition
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREAMBLE.**

7 The preamble to the Act of June 7, 1956 (70 Stat.
8 254), is amended—

9 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of each of
10 the first three clauses;

11 (2) by striking out “: Now therefore,” at the
12 end of the last clause and inserting in lieu thereof
13 a semicolon; and

1 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following
2 new clauses:

“Whereas the Lumbee Indians of Robeson and adjoining
counties in North Carolina are descendants of coastal
North Carolina Indian tribes, principally Cheraw, and
have remained a distinct Indian community since the
time of contact with white settlers;

“Whereas the Lumbee Indians have been recognized by the
State of North Carolina as an Indian tribe since 1885;

“Whereas the Lumbee Indians have sought Federal recogni-
tion as an Indian tribe since 1888; and

“Whereas the Lumbee Indians are entitled to Federal rec-
ognition of their status as an Indian tribe and the bene-
fits, privileges, and immunities that accompany such sta-
tus: Now, therefore,”.

3 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.**

4 The Act of June 7, 1956 (70 Stat. 254), is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking out the last sentence of the first
7 section; and

8 (2) by striking out section 2 and inserting in
9 lieu thereof the following:

10 “FEDERAL RECOGNITION; ACKNOWLEDGMENT

11 “SEC. 2. (a) Federal recognition is hereby extended
12 to the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina.
13 All laws and regulations of the United States of general
14 application to Indians and Indian tribes shall apply to the

1 Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina and
2 its members.

3 “(b) Notwithstanding the first section of this Act,
4 any group of Indians in Robeson or adjoining counties
5 whose members are not enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe of
6 Cheraw Indians of North Carolina, as determined under
7 section 4(b), may petition under part 83 of title 25 of the
8 Code of Federal Regulations for acknowledgment of tribal
9 existence.

10 “SERVICES

11 “SEC. 3. (a) The Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians
12 of North Carolina and its members shall be eligible for
13 all services and benefits provided to Indians because of
14 their status as federally recognized Indians, except that
15 members of the tribe shall not be entitled to such services
16 until the appropriation of funds for these purposes. For
17 the purposes of the delivery of such services, those mem-
18 bers of the tribe residing in Robeson and adjoining coun-
19 ties, North Carolina, shall be deemed to be resident on
20 or near an Indian reservation.

21 “(b) Upon verification of a tribal roll under section
22 4 by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the
23 Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services
24 shall develop, in consultation with the Lumbee Tribe of
25 Cheraw Indians of North Carolina, a determination of
26 needs and a budget required to provide services to which

1 the members of the tribe are eligible. The Secretary of
2 the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
3 ices shall each submit a written statement of such needs
4 and budget with the first budget request submitted to the
5 Congress after the fiscal year in which the tribal roll is
6 verified.

7 “(c)(1) The Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of
8 North Carolina is authorized to plan, conduct, consolidate,
9 and administer programs, services, and functions author-
10 ized under the Act of April 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 596; 25
11 U.S.C. 452, et seq.), and the Act of November 2, 1921
12 (42 Stat. 208; 25 U.S.C. 13), popularly known as the Sny-
13 der Act, pursuant to an annual written funding agreement
14 among the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North
15 Carolina, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary
16 of Health and Human Services, which shall specify—

17 “(A) the services to be provided, the functions
18 to be performed, and the procedures to be used to
19 reallocate funds or modify budget allocations, within
20 any fiscal year; and

21 “(B) the responsibility of the Secretary of the
22 Interior for, and the procedure to be used in, audit-
23 ing the expenditures of the tribe.

24 “(2) The authority provided under this subsection
25 shall be in lieu of the authority provided under the Indian

1 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25
2 U.S.C. 450, et seq.).

3 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as
4 affecting, modifying, diminishing, or otherwise impairing
5 the sovereign immunity from lawsuit enjoyed by the
6 Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina or au-
7 thorizing or requiring the termination of any trust respon-
8 sibility of the United States with respect to the tribe.

9 “CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

10 “SEC. 4. (a) The Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians
11 of North Carolina shall organize for its common welfare
12 and adopt a constitution and bylaws. Any constitution, by-
13 laws, or amendments to the constitution or bylaws that
14 are adopted by the tribe must be consistent with the terms
15 of this Act and shall take effect only after such documents
16 are filed with the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary
17 shall assist the tribe in the drafting of a constitution and
18 bylaws, the conduct of an election with respect to such
19 constitution, and the reorganization of the government of
20 the tribe under any such constitution and bylaws.

21 “(b)(1) Until the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians
22 of North Carolina adopts a constitution and except as pro-
23 vided in paragraph (2), the membership of the tribe shall,
24 subject to review by the Secretary, consist of every individ-
25 ual who is named in the tribal membership roll that is
26 in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

1 “(2)(A) Before adopting a constitution, the roll of the
2 tribe shall be open for a 180-day period to allow the enroll-
3 ment of any individual previously enrolled in another In-
4 dian group or tribe in Robeson or adjoining counties,
5 North Carolina, who demonstrates that—

6 “(i) the individual is eligible for enrollment in
7 the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians; and

8 “(ii) the individual has abandoned membership
9 in any other Indian group or tribe.

10 “(B) The Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North
11 Carolina shall advertise in newspapers of general distribu-
12 tion in Robeson and adjoining counties, North Carolina,
13 the opening of the tribal roll for the purposes of subpara-
14 graph (A). The advertisement shall specify the enrollment
15 criteria and the deadline for enrollment.

16 “(3) The review of the tribal roll of the Lumbee Tribe
17 of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina shall be limited to
18 verification of compliance with the membership criteria of
19 the tribe as stated in the Lumbee Petition for Federal Ac-
20 knowledgment filed with the Secretary by the tribe on De-
21 cember 17, 1987. The Secretary shall complete his review
22 and verification of the tribal roll within the 12-month pe-
23 riod beginning on the date on which the tribal roll is closed
24 under paragraph (2).

1 “JURISDICTION

2 “SEC. 5. (a)(1) The State of North Carolina shall ex-
3 ercise jurisdiction over—

4 “(A) all criminal offenses that are committed
5 on, and

6 “(B) all civil actions that arise on,
7 lands located within the State of North Carolina that are
8 owned by, or held in trust by the United States for, the
9 Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina, any
10 member of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North
11 Carolina, or any dependent Indian community of the
12 Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina.

13 “(2) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to
14 accept on behalf of the United States, after consulting
15 with the Attorney General of the United States, any trans-
16 fer by the State of North Carolina to the United States
17 of any portion of the jurisdiction of the State of North
18 Carolina described in paragraph (1) pursuant to an agree-
19 ment between the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians and
20 the State of North Carolina. Such transfer of jurisdiction
21 may not take effect until two years after the effective date
22 of such agreement.

23 “(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not affect
24 the application of section 109 of the Indian Child Welfare
25 Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1919).

8 “SEC. 6. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated
9 such funds as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

“(b) In the first fiscal year in which funds are appropriated under this Act, the tribe’s proposals for expenditures of such funds shall be submitted to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives 60 calendar days prior to any expenditure of such funds by the tribe.”.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk.